

Nebraska Council on Teacher Education

Educator Preparation Advisory Committee to the Nebraska State Board of Education

Executive Committee Minutes

January 23, 2014

Meeting Site: Westside Public Schools ABC Building (Central Office), 909 South 76th Street,
Omaha, NE 68447-4599 / Board Room A

Meeting called to order by President Doreen Jankovich at 9:40 A.M.

Attending: President Jankovich, Alan Bone, Donna Moss, Becky Schnabel, Sharon Katt, Pat Madsen (for Kevin Peters)

Approval of August 22, 2013 Executive Committee Meeting minutes—Motion by Schnabel, second by Moss. Motion carried.

Approval of October 11, 2013 NCTE General Session Meeting minutes—Motion by Moss, second by Bone. Motion carried.

Approval of October 11, 2013 NCTE Standing Committee minutes—Motion by Bone, second by Moss. Motion carried.

1. Rule Status Updates – Sharon Katt

- Rule 20 – Public Hearing was held January 14, 2014 at 10 A.M. in the NDE State Board Room. A letter of support was presented from NSEA. No public testimony in opposition. Will be presented at the February 3-4, 2014 State Board Meeting. Expectation is for full authorization by August 1, 2014.
- Rule 21 – Continuing issues and discussions concerning content testing implementation policies/procedures, testing capacity, those coming from other states, etc. Development of the rule will continue and it is expected that it will be prepared for initial State Board approval in late fall, 2014 in coordination with the next Rule 24.
- Rule 23 (Basic Skills Testing) – Approved by Attorney General's Office 12.3.13; awaiting Governor's signature.
- Rule 24 – Public Hearing was held January 14, 2014 following Rule 20 Public Hearing. A letter of support was presented from NSEA. No public testimony in opposition. Will be presented at the February 3-4, 2014 State Board Meeting. Expectation is for full authorization by August 1, 2014.

2. Rule 24 Endorsements – Pat Madsen and Ad Hoc Chairs

Proposed Endorsements ready for Final Approval:

- Special Education: Visual Impairment / Subject – Teresa Coonts, *NDE Education Specialist & Ad Hoc Chair* (via conference call)
There have been no changes to this endorsement since the August NCTE Executive Committee and the October NCTE Standing Committee meeting. Schnabel made a motion to move this endorsement to final approval at the March NCTE meeting, seconded by Katt. Motion carried.
- Special Education: Deaf or Hard of Hearing / Subject – Rhonda Fleischer, *NDE State Liaison and Ad Hoc Chair* (via conference call)
There have been no changes to this endorsement since the August NCTE Executive Committee and the October NCTE Standing Committee meeting. Moss clarified the grade levels: Birth-Grade 12, PK-6, and 7-12. Moss made a motion to move this endorsement to final approval at the March NCTE meeting, seconded by Schnabel. Motion carried.

- Proposal also includes removing the Special Education: Deaf and Hard of Hearing / Field endorsement from Rule 24.
- Audiologist – Fleischer. There have been no changes to this endorsement since the August NCTE Executive Committee and the October NCTE Standing Committee meeting. Katt made a motion to move this endorsement to final approval at the March NCTE meeting, seconded by Moss. Motion carried.
- Special Education: Behavior Intervention Specialist / Supplemental – Carol McClain, *NDE Office of Special Education & Ad Hoc Chair* (via conference call)
Committee ‘C’ added the word ‘graduate’ to 006.59D1 at the October NCTE meeting. Katt made a motion to move this endorsement to final approval at the March NCTE meeting, seconded by Bone. Motion carried.
- Special Education: Functional Academic Skills and Independent Living Specialist / Supplemental – McClain
There have been no changes to this endorsement since the August NCTE Executive Committee and the October NCTE Standing Committee meeting. Schnabel made a motion to move this endorsement to final approval at the March NCTE meeting, seconded by Katt. Motion carried.
- Special Education: Inclusion and Transition Specialist / Supplemental – McClain
Committee ‘C’ recommended a language change in 006.68D to read, “In addition, the candidate shall have previously obtained the Special Education endorsement.” Schnabel made a motion to move this endorsement to final approval at the March NCTE meeting with the recommended language change, seconded by Katt. Motion carried.
- Special Education: Transition Specialist / Supplemental – McClain
There have been no changes to this endorsement since the August NCTE Executive Committee and the October NCTE Standing Committee meeting. Bone made a motion to move this endorsement to final approval at the March NCTE meeting, seconded by Schnabel. Motion carried.
- Special Education Supervisor / Administrative – McClain
New endorsement, developed in response to constituency request. There have been no changes to this endorsement since the August NCTE Executive Committee and the October NCTE Standing Committee meeting. Bone made a motion to move this endorsement to final approval at the March NCTE meeting, seconded by Katt. Motion carried.

Proposed Endorsements ready for First and Second Hearings:

- Special Education: Early Intervention Specialist / Supplemental – McClain
Purpose is to provide services for infants and toddlers, birth to kindergarten in-home and in preschool programs, and to work with their families. This would be an undergraduate supplemental endorsement, and will help fill the ‘gap’ for this age group left by other early childhood endorsements. Endorsement as proposed meets Rule 51 and Rule 11 requirements for reimbursement. Some controversy with requiring a minimum of 21 credit hours and 200-clock hours field experiences, since this is a supplemental endorsement to Special Education. (There have been no changes since this endorsement was first introduced to the NCTE Executive Committee in August, 2013. Standing Committee ‘C’ did not have time to discuss this at the October meeting, knowing that it would take substantive time to discuss this in detail. This endorsement will be considered by Standing Committee ‘C’ at the March meeting.)

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All proposed endorsements approved by NCTE by October, 2014 will be effective in Rule 24 on August 1, 2015.

Planned Ad Hocs for 2014:

After Executive Committee discussion, a recommendation was to move the Ad Hoc Committee meeting for Middle Grades to a later date. (Previously scheduled for 4.10.14.) Discussion will be held at the March NACTE meeting to gather input from membership for future ad hoc consideration.

Instrumental Music/Music/Vocal Music – Summer, 2014 (Date TBA)

Art/General Art – Summer, 2014 (Date TBA)

Health Occupations – September 10, 2014

Input was requested as to how to address ‘Low Incidence / Specialty’ Endorsements (all overdue in review cycle):

Coaching (Supplemental) – NSAA-guided, will be referred to NACTE for discussion, but will likely not result in an Ad Hoc committee.

School Nurse – Leave as is. (Special Services, requires DHH annual license.) The Executive Committee does not see a need for any changes.

Religious Education – Electronic communication with the institutions that offer the endorsement to see what (or if) changes are needed. The NAPE representative on NCTE could also be consulted to gather information from the association. It is likely the endorsement review will not result in an Ad Hoc committee.

Curriculum Supervisor – Ad Hoc committee meeting will be scheduled.

Assessment Leadership – NACTE discussion. Is this still a viable endorsement? NDE staff will research if recommendations are still being made for this endorsement.

Discussion regarding Supplemental Endorsements – When reviewed as a whole, supplemental endorsements are very different (credit hour requirements, field-experience requirements, grade levels, etc.) The discussion included questions about the requirements being different for good reasons, or is there a need to seek/establish consistency? Further discussion will be held at the April NCTE Executive Committee meeting to determine if revisions should be made or parameters established, with the possibility of having NCTE discussion at the June meeting.

The Executive Committee will review the current Ad Hoc policies at the April NCTE Executive Committee meeting now that these policies have been in place for a year to see if the revisions that were implemented have effectively addressed the process and if further revisions are needed.

3. NDE Updates – Katt

NDE staff indicated a conversation was held with a constituent about the integrity of the NCTE process.

4. Program Approval –

Chadron State College and Concordia University have received full accreditation letters from NCATE/CAEP.

Nebraska Wesleyan State Approval and On-Site Visit was held November 3-5, 2013.

Four institutions are currently piloting the revised state approval process.

Upcoming dates: Folio Review for Grace University and Midland University—TBD June 24-27.

Folio Review for UNO and Peru – October 8, 2014; On-site visits—Fall 2015

On-Site State Review – Grace University, Fall 2014

On-Site Review for Midland University, Spring 2015 (tentative)

5. Proposed Agenda Items for March 7 NCTE Full Council Meeting at Country Inn & Suites, Lincoln:

- Presentation during the public comment period by Eileen Vautravers, representing the Nebraska Dyslexic Association
- Presentation on Effective Educator Frameworks and Evaluation – Donlynn Rice and Nancy Becker
- Proposed endorsements for First and Second Hearings:
 - Special Education: Early Intervention Specialist / Supplemental
- Proposed endorsements for Final Approval:
 - Special Education: Behavior Intervention Specialist / Supplemental
 - Special Education: Functional Academic Skills and Independent Living Specialist / Supplemental
 - Special Education: Inclusion and Collaboration Specialist / Supplemental
 - Special Education: Transition Specialist / Supplemental
 - Special Education Supervisor / Administrative
 - Special Education: Deaf or Hard of Hearing / Subject
 - Special Education: Visually Impaired / Subject
 - Audiologist (Special Services)
- Legislative Update
- Content Testing Update
- Middle Grades Discussion – Standing Committees
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Meeting adjourned at 1:40 P.M.

Upcoming Meetings:

NCTE Full Council Meeting – Friday, March 7, 2014 at Country Inn & Suites, Lincoln

NCTE Executive Committee Meeting – April 24, 2014 / Ralston Virginia Moon Admin Center

NCTE Full Council Meeting – Friday, June 6, 2014 at The Cornhusker, Lincoln

NCTE Executive Committee Meeting – August 22, 2014 at TBD

NCTE Full Council Meeting – Friday, October 3, 2014 at Country Inn & Suites, Lincoln